

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Specification

In the specification, the paragraphs [0002], [0004], [0006], [0015] and [0019] have been amended to correct minor text informalities. Also, the paragraphs [00017], [0023] have been amended to add the element numbers 37, 38 and 57 in the description. No new matter has been added.

The new paragraphs [0007.1] and [0007.2] added after paragraph [0007] incorporate the statement of invention from new independent claims 19 and 32.

Drawings

The attached sheets of drawing include new Figures 1-5 which includes deletions of some element numerals which were not described in the specification (35, 39, 41, 42, 50, 51, 52, 53 and 57) and corrections to wrong element numerals (23 becomes 33 for some instances in new Figure 3 and 39 becomes 44 in new Figure 4). No new matter has been added.

Claims

Claims 1-18 are cancelled from this application. Claims 19-42, 11 are new. No new matter has been added.

Claims Objections

The examiner has objected to claims 1-18 as containing informalities. The applicant submits that new claims 19-42 incorporate corrections to the text informalities which were kindly highlighted by the examiner.

Claims Rejections – 35 USC § 112

The examiner has rejected claim 1-18 under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite.

The applicant believes that new claims 19-42 clearly point out and distinctively claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention.

Also, the applicant respectfully submits that the cited U.S. patent No. 5,759,339 (Hartman) teaches a ribbon dispenser having an endless belt as a traversing mechanism, but does not contain any mention regarding any guide arm that can be positioned outside of the path of the webs for easy thread up of the ribbons and close to the operator so he can thread up each guide arm without having to remove the entire guide arm system from the laminator. Neither the disclosure, nor the claims, nor the figures contain any comments about this feature of the invention.

Therefore, with the new claims 19-42, the applicant respectfully submits that his invention is patentable.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fig. 1

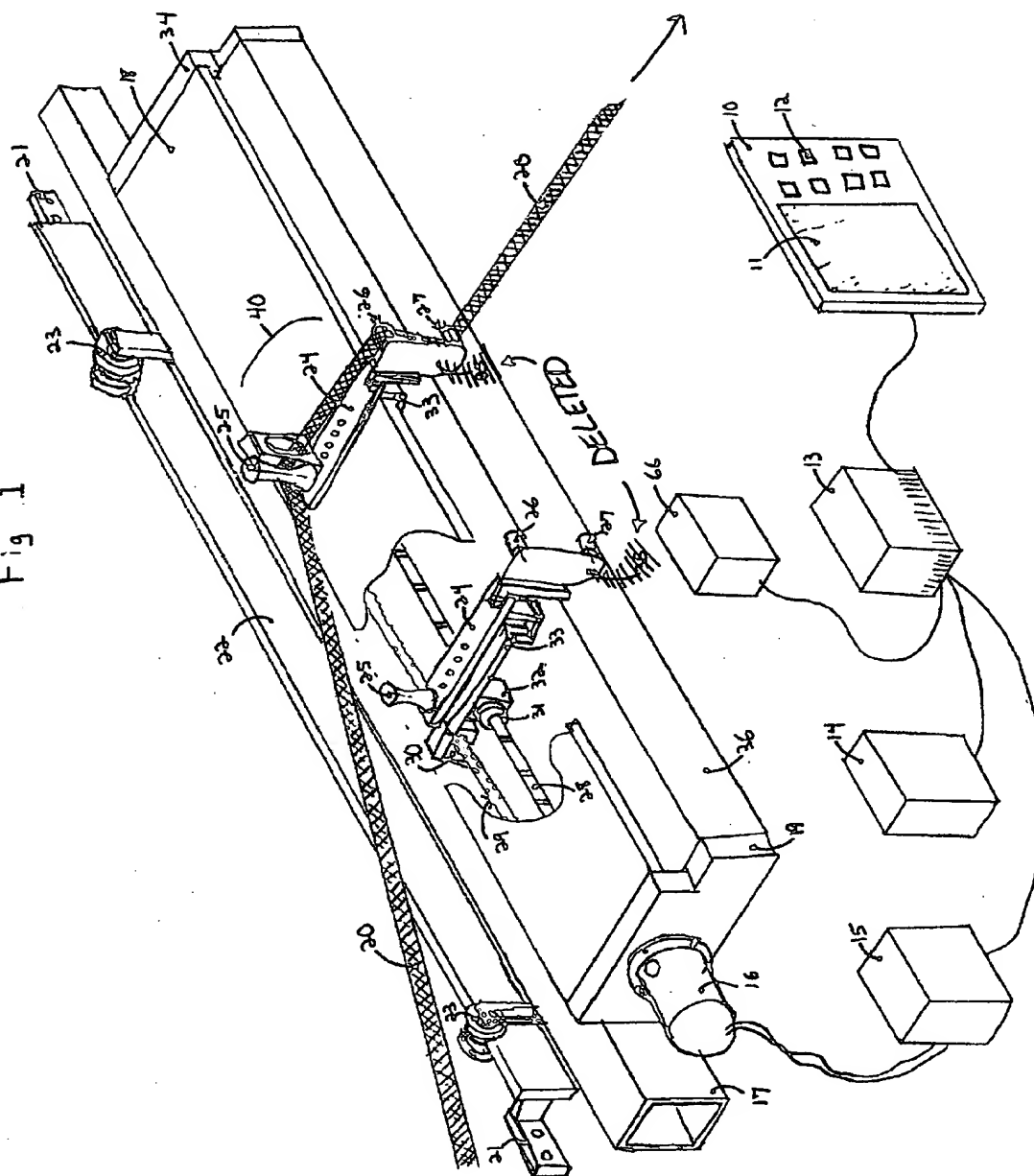
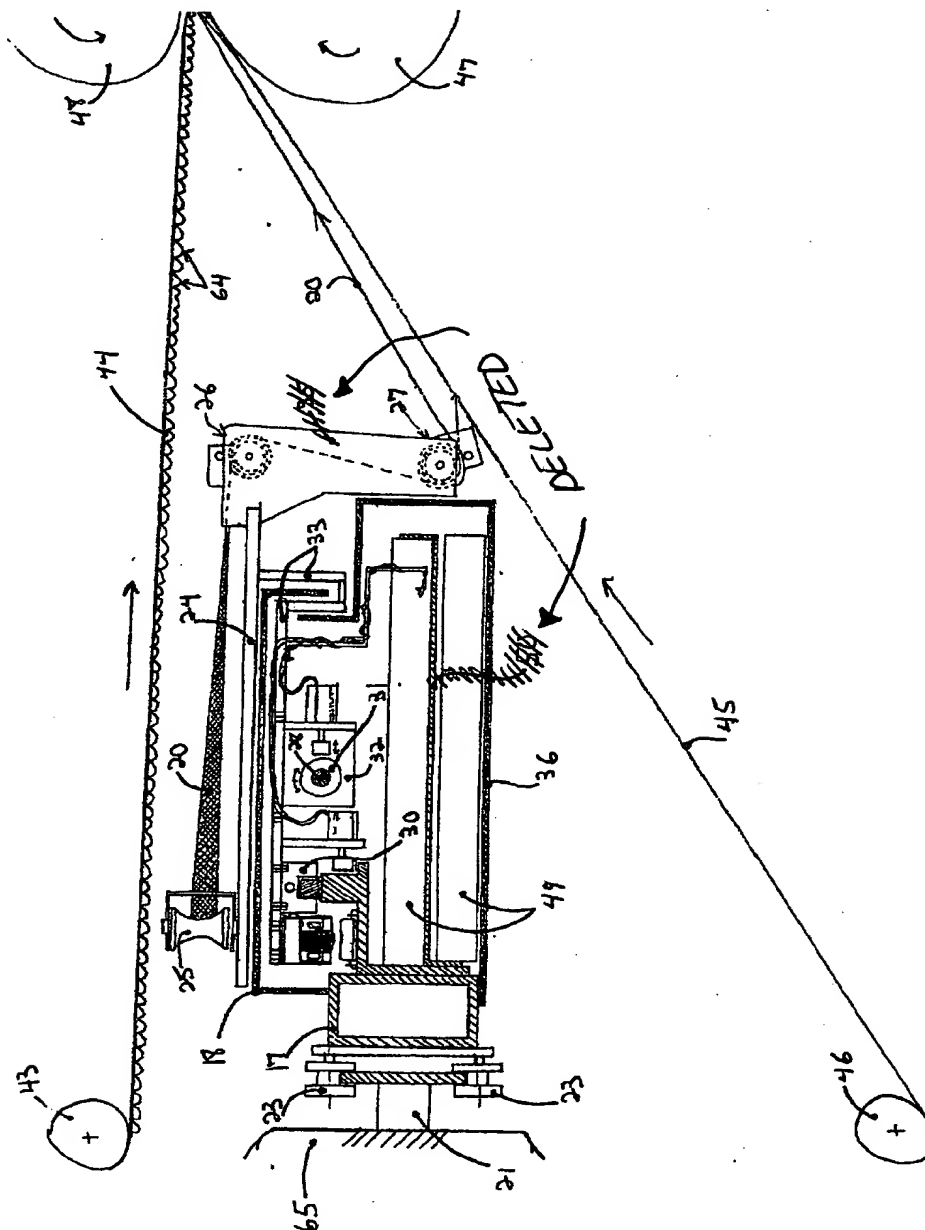


Fig 2



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